STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

Executive Department State of Kansas Topeka, Kansas

By the Governor

Severe Windstorms

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kansas Emergency Management Act, Chapter 48, Article 9, of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, to meet the inherent dangers of disasters to which the State and its citizens have been exposed, and upon advice of the State Adjutant General as the Director of the Division of Emergency Management, I hereby proclaim a State of Disaster Emergency as follows:

NATURE OF DISASTER:

During the late afternoon hours of Monday, August 20, 2007, severe thunderstorms accompanied with widespread high winds, lightening, and rain occurred over parts of Southwest Kansas. Reports received from local, county and Rural Electric Cooperatives (RECs) indicate major damage to public owned facilities including a school and community college and significant losses to public utilities including power poles, lines, and a substation.

One storm-related fatality was confirmed. Joint federal/state damage assessments will be forthcoming.

AREA IMPACTED:

Finney, Haskell, Grant and Scott County

DATE OF INCIDENT:

August 20, 2007 and continuing

I hereby proclaim, direct and order the Adjutant General of the State of Kansas to activate the disaster response and recovery portions of the Kansas Response Plan. Local and inter-jurisdictional disaster plans applicable to the political subdivisions of areas affected by this Proclamation shall be coordinated by the Adjutant General.

Any or all of the powers conferred upon the Governor by the Kansas Emergency Management Act may be delegated to the Adjutant General as deemed appropriate during this period of proclaimed State of Disaster Emergency. This may be delegated by written orders, or oral orders subsequently reduced to writing with reference to this Proclamation.

This Proclamation shall be filed promptly with the Division of Emergency Management, the Office of the Secretary of State and each city clerk or county clerk, as appropriate, in the area to which this Proclamation applies. Further dissemination of this Proclamation shall occur by means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public.

DONE At the Capitol in Topeka Under the Great Seal of the State this 29th day of August

THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State